

eHighlights

March 20, 2026
WEEKLY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS
for
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This Week's Dates to Remember

March 22. Mark Kroos in Worship. 8:45 and 9AM.
March 24. Come and See at Lincoln School. 2:45PM. Meet at Church.
March 25. GriefShare. 1PM. Conference Room A.
March 25. Wednesday @ Church. 6PM. Worship Center.
March 26. Come and See at Lincoln School. 2:45PM. Meet at Church.

Announcements

Come and See

Last time to sign up is Sunday, March 22.



Loaves & Fish

Come and See Loaves and Fish and what we do every Saturday for those in need in our community.

Available Dates
Saturday, March 21 and 28.

10:15AM Alive Worship Service
11AM - 1PM Loaves & Fish Pantry



Lincoln School

Come and See Lincoln School and see how we are building relationships and making a difference in the lives of the staff and students.

Tuesday, March 24 - Art
Thursday, March 26 - Choir

2:45PM Meet at the Church to ride together to the school.

Email Julie Bell

Lenten Devotion



Lenten Devotion Week 4 ~ Deeper

Set aside 5–10 minutes to sit in silence and reflection.

- Find a quiet place. Take a few slow, deep breaths. Let your mind settle and become aware that Jesus is with you.
- Slowly read Matthew 28:16–20. Notice the setting: the disciples gather with Jesus after the resurrection. Some worship, yet some still doubt. Even in that mixture of faith and uncertainty, Jesus speaks his commission.
- Listen carefully to Jesus' words: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me... Go therefore and make disciples... And remember, I am with you always."
- Pause. Breathe slowly. Ask: "Who was obedient to Jesus and first helped me come and see Jesus?" "Who shared their faith or story in a way that helped me recognize God?"
- Pause and thank God for those people.
- Now consider Jesus' invitation: "Go... make disciples." What does this simple command mean?
- Ask yourself: "Who in my life might need an invitation to come and see?"
- Sit with that question for a moment. Let a name or face come to mind without pressure or urgency.
- Pray slowly: "Jesus, sometimes I feel unsure about that to say or how to share my faith. Remind me that the invitation is simple, to help others come and see who you are."

Spiritual formation deepens as we walk the ancient path of discipleship: coming again and again to see Jesus, and gently inviting others to join us on the journey.

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Events



Mark Kroos

Photo Courtesy of Angle Ennis

Mark Kroos

Playing Sunday in Worship

Mark Kroos is best known for his instrumental work on the double neck guitar, playing both necks simultaneously using tapping techniques with both hands. He has released 4 full length instrumental guitar albums and a DVD. Mark was the winner of Guitar Player Magazine's Guitar Superstar Competition in 2011.

March 22 | 8:45 & 9AM Worship Services



Church Grounds Spring Cleanup

It is almost time for spring cleaning. There is a team forming to do some gentle outside cleanup around the church building. If you are able to help, just show up.

March 28 | 9-11AM | Outside



Wednesday @ Church

MIDWEEK: COME AS YOU ARE.

RESET. REFRESH. RENEW.

Wednesday @ Church

6PM Time of Fellowship • Worship Center

6:30PM

English Bible Study with Pastor Tim - NEW Study on Revelation
Room 215

Spanish Bible Study with Pastor Miguel
Worship Center

Youth Activities / Children Activities

Holy Week



Mission First



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It is in our vision statement that we are to make (and grow) disciples of Jesus Christ. A piece of becoming a disciple is service.

There are always serving opportunities at Peoria First. Want to serve and just do not know where or how? Send us a message and we will get you connected.

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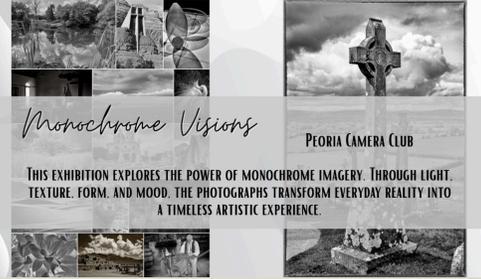
Fine Arts

March Foster Gallery Exhibition March 1 - 25

Monochrome Visions

by the Peoria Camera Club: Jill Attaway, Cindy Brackney, Bob Drake, Bennett Johnson, Ray Keithley, Jeanette Kosier, Stephen Macleod, Andrea Monninger, Chuck Parr, Dan Ricks, Alan Rogers, Tom Ruhland, LaDean Spring, David Vernon, Joe Virbickis.

The Foster Gallery is open for viewing:
Monday - Friday: 9AM - 1PM
Sunday: 8:30AM - Noon
Other Showings by Appointment



Questions about our Fine Arts Ministry or the Foster Gallery?
 Contact Eugene Maison

EMAIL Eugene Maison

Children

CHILDREN'S <small>CHURCH</small>	
10:00AM / SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:40AM / CHILDREN'S CHOIR	
INFANTIL <small>IGLESIA</small>	11:45AM / ESCUELA DOMINICAL 12:10PM / CORO INFANTIL



Childcare Hours

Childcare is available every Sunday morning from 8:45AM - 12:30PM. Childcare available for children infant through 4 years old.



Comfort Room

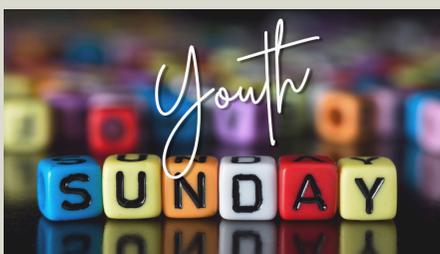
The Comfort Room may be accessed by checking in at the Children's Ministry desk and is available Sundays from 8:45AM-12:15PM. One adult parent / guardian must accompany your child.



**Questions about Children's Ministry?
Contact Rosy Rios**

[Email Rosy Rios](#)

Youth



YOUTH Sunday School

Youth Sunday School is for youth
in 6th - 12th Grades.

Sundays • 10:00AM
Youth Room



YOUTH Small Group

Join us every Wednesday as we open our
evening with praise music and then enjoy
time in the Word and fellowship with one
another.

Youth Small Group is for youth in 6th - 12th
Grades.

Wednesdays • 6PM
Youth Room



**Questions about Youth Ministry?
Contact Christina Koeppel**

[Email Christina Koeppel](#)

This Week's Sermon



Go and Make Disciples

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Giving

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Join Us for Sunday Worship

Traditional | 8:45 AM | Sanctuary

RENEW | 9:00 AM | Worship Center

Renuevo (Bilingual Service) | 11:15 AM | Worship Center

Sunday School for All Ages

10:00AM



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